WHAT’S NEW, PRES?

As we welcome the Persian New Year and celebrated Asho Zarthosht’s birthday, the weather offers a glimpse of fair days ahead, bidding adieu to another winter and the promise of fresh spring air. While Sizde-bedaar is looked forward to by all amidst outdoor gatherings with friends for a picnic, we must remain aware of prevailing health regulations in each region, as they may differ.

This year your Board deliberated allowing limited in-person attendance to the MGDM, finally deciding to maintain the safer approach and continue – like last year – holding the Panjeh/Gatha Days, Norooz and Khordad Saal/Zayesh-e-Zarthosht Jashan/celebrations with our Mobeds praying from the Darbe Mehr and various volunteers contributing online. With the help of our IT Committee, lead by Pedram Yazdani and the stupendous efforts by our Religion Committee, Kanoun, Bahram Jam, Mandana Bastani and so many others, this made for another safe, fulfilling and widely participated-in series of prayer & celebration events, enjoyed across the community, as is evident by the hundreds of online views.

We are ever so thankful to everyone, though most of all to our next generation of young Mobeds, namely Ervad Xersis Dastur and Ervad Navroze Antia. Young Xersis lead both the Panjeh/Gatha and the Norooz Jashan prayers, with able support from his dad, Ervad Mehbod Dastur, Ervad Navroze Antia and our ever smiling and humble Ervad Hoshang Udwadia. A special note of thanks to Mobed Kerman Katrak for mentoring and guiding Xersis throughout. Please read the heartfelt note below from Xersis himself and do enjoy the writeups and photos of these events.

We are grateful to members who have already started to renew their memberships, with a large portion of these coming in through the ZSO website. As April 1 is the start of the membership year, please take a moment and renew as well as tell a family member or friend to join ZSO. Why, you may ask? Because if we don’t, who will; because coming together is the best legacy to leave our next generation and most important of all, because we are Zoroastrian!

A huge thanks to every single donor for helping ZSO reach nearly 70% of its goal to raise another $25,000 by March 31. While the financial year has ended, fund-raising has not. So please spare a minute and donate generously to help ZSO continue to meet its operating costs.

Besides Norooz-related events, March also saw Yoga, Art and many other events, all online, with more being planned for April and beyond. Stay tuned for updates and check the website often. Look for Norooz and Khordad Sal write up and pix in English in the May NL.

In closing, your Board is pleased to announce that – subject to conditions prevalent – the Society’s next Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2021. Your Board is eager to see the next generation lead ZSO on the path of Asha, lay the foundation for the future and work to continue to unite, fulfill and strengthen our vibrant Zarathushti community across Ontario.

Tandarosti,

Mashya Amroliwalla
President
MGDM - UPDATE

With the evolving COVID-19 Pandemic and rising cases, the city of Toronto is in a lockdown. Keeping the health and safety of our custodian and members as top priority, as well as following the changes under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) for places of worship and the specific conditions which include limiting capacity and ensuring that public health measures are followed such as face coverings, physical distancing and environmental cleaning and disinfecting, the ZSO Board of Directors has decided to CLOSE the Mehraban Guiv Darb e Meher (MGDM) until further notice.

All upcoming visits to MGDM are cancelled except for any post-funeral prayers with a limited capacity of 10 people including the priest and custodian. These bookings MUST be booked by contacting Hoofrish Patel (evp@zso.org).

When visiting the MGDM please be reminded of the following mandatory requirements and guidelines:

- Use the online self-assessment tool before every visit to the MGDM
- Wearing a non-medical mask/face covering is mandatory
- Bring your own prayer book and head covering
- Refrain from bringing Sukhar, loban or other prayer related items from home
- Maintain a social distance of two meters/six feet
- Follow entry and exit signs
- Social gatherings, including those that occur before or after a prayer service remains suspended
- Avoid opportunities for the virus to spread through touch, either directly or indirectly through surfaces and objects, including objects that may be used in rituals or ceremonies

Suspended Services
- Drop in visits
- Social gatherings, including those that occur before or after a prayer service remains suspended
- Navjote, weddings and other close contact activities
- Consumption of food and drink remains suspended
- Indoor singing, use of instruments and choir service
- Sharing and distribution of materials and objects such as books, scarves, caps, water, etc.

We continue to encourage all our members to watch our prayers online. Please subscribe to the ZSO YouTube channel at the following link and turn notifications ON to be alerted of all upcoming events.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3aC8WOPpyeQFjTcFcaGQ

We thank you for your patience and appreciate your cooperation.

ZSO Board

ZSO account is now on LinkedIn!

Please go ahead and follow us for updates and if you’d like you could list ZSO under your "Volunteer Experience" section by connecting the official new page.

We understand how effective LinkedIn can be to enhance one’s professional credibility and legitimacy. Over 50+ LinkedIn profiles have included Zoroastrian Society of Ontario account under their Volunteer Experience.

Follow us on LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/zoroastriansocietyofontario
Annual General Meeting

This year – subject to prevalent conditions – the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 11:00 am.

The backbone of any religious not-for-profit charity, such as ZSO, is its membership. And ZSO is blessed to have a wealth of selfless, dedicated and talented members, like you, passionate about volunteering to serve and strengthen our vibrant Zoroastrian community together.

Your Board is excited to confirm the following positions become vacant at the upcoming AGM:
President – 2 Year Term
Vice President – 2 Year Term
Secretary – 2 Year Term
Assistant Treasurer – 2 Year Term
Executive Officer 2 – 2 Year Term (1 Year if filled by outgoing President)

If you’ve ever wanted to showcase your talent, air your ideas and collaborate with passionate fellow Zoroastrians, in Ontario, across North America and around the world, complete a nomination form as the first step to bring your vision to life!

Oh and did we mention, this year ZSO proudly completes its 50th year…. Yes, it’s the organization’s Golden Jubilee year; such a memorable milestone in our ongoing journey!
We certainly feel tremendous gratitude to the visionary founders and volunteers who have achieved so much for ZSO in it’s first 50 years. And by the Grace of Ahura Mazda, we are thrilled to start the next 50 years and more, with you leading the way to realize the vision of the next generation!

So what are you waiting for? Just complete and mail the appropriate nomination form (attached or available online here) to address below or email to secretary@zso.org by no later than 11 AM Eastern Time on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Secretary
Zoroastrian Society of Ontario
3590 Bayview Ave
Toronto ON M2M 3S6

It’s your turn to make a positive impact on our shared Zoroastrian destiny!

Panjeh and Norooz Prayers – A note from Ervad Xersis Dastur

I would like to give a big thanks to Kerman uncle for training me with the Beresaad prayers as well as the other prayers such as the Doa Nam Satayeshne prayer and the Satum Prayers that I need to practice for the 5 Iranian Muktad days. It helped me a lot and as I kept practicing, it made it easier for me and I became more confident. I would also like to thank him for arranging virtual meetings on MS Teams to help me with the prayers. At first, I was a little bit nervous performing the prayers on the first day of the Muktad by myself, but Kerman uncle gave me a lot of confidence when I was practicing, and he was always there to help me.
On March 21, I performed the Navroz jashan along with Ervad Hoshang Udwadia, Ervad Navroze Antia and my father. I definitely missed the crowd due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hopefully, next year will be better.
Membership Renewal – 2021/2022

As much as we value donations, ZSO values your membership. This revenue is vital for the Society to meet its annual operating costs and best of all, shows your support for ZSO so we can continue to meet our objectives and serve the Zarthushti community.

Your ZSO membership renewal is due on April 1, 2021. ZSO recommends completing your renewal online, securely, at www.zso.org and receive immediate confirmation. Click here for a step-by-step guide.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING AUTO RENEWALS:

ZSO has updated their payment system on the website. As a result, your original recurring membership auto-renewal has been cancelled - you would have received a notification by email on January 19. This means you'll have to set up your recurring membership auto-renewal details again when you renew your membership for 2021-22. Here are the steps to do so:

1. Go to your member profile: https://zso.org/Sys/Profile
2. Click the Renew button and follow the instructions to enter your payment details

Note: to avoid missing your annual membership renewal, ZSO recommends auto-renewal.

If you need additional help or have any questions, please email one of the following:

Membership questions, such as, renewal date, level-change, information, etc.: secretary@zso.org
Technical questions, such as website or if something is not working: admin@zso.org

If you would like to pay by cheque, please complete and sign the membership form attached, tick the "Renewal" option, make the cheque payable to "Zoroastrian Society of Ontario" (as our bank will not accept it if it says "ZSO") and mail it to: Secretary, 3590 Bayview Avenue, Toronto ON M2M 3S6

Thank you for being a valuable member of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario. Together we will grow even stronger.

ZSO Board of Directors

Staying Cyber Safe

Here's the link to the Government of Canada's "Get Cyber Safe" website. Save or bookmark the link and visit often to learn and share cyber safety tips.

Get Cyber Safe
Get Cyber Safe is a national public awareness campaign created to inform Canadians about cyber security and the simple steps they can take to protect themselves online.
www.getcybersafe.gc.ca

Make safe internet/cyberspace practices an inclusive part of keeping yourself and your loved ones safe in life 😊.

Share your thoughts and tips on Cybersafety with us each month by emailing them to: newslettereditor@zso.org with a copy to: evp@zso.org and admin@zso.org.

Stay safe, stay cyber-safe!
Donations to Darbe Mehr

ZSO is thankful to Kaizad Master and his family in Mumbai who send sandalwood, Tacho, Agar Batti, diva kakras for use at the Darbe Mehr. He has been sending the same at least twice a year for the last two years and the community is truly grateful for the family’s generosity.

UPDATE on R.S. Kane Funeral Home

As a reminder – the R. S. Kane Funeral Home has moved to the Kane-Jerrett Funeral Home effective November 2020. Should you have any further questions at this time, please contact a ZSO Board member.

Below is the link where you can access the online version of the Funeral Guide for Zoroastrians.

Zoroastrian Funeral Ceremonies

Medical Aid for Ervad Zahan Turel

ZSO Board is happy to advise that the $5,000 donation towards Ervad Turel’s hospital bills has been received by the World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust in Mumbai. We continue to pray for his ongoing speedy recovery.

CEBA Loan for ZSO

The Board is pleased to advise that ZSO has received an additional $20,000 CEBA Loan from the Government of Canada. In total the Board has secured a load of $60,000 - $40,000 which was received in April 2020 and another $20,000 in March 2021. This comes with a total of $20,000 forgiven when the balance is paid back by December 31st, 2022. The Board had applied in time to take advantage of the $20,000 forgiveness and will seek “post-facto” approval from members at the next AGM.

Thank you to Mr. Fariborz Parsi

On behalf of the ZSO Community, the Board would like to recognise and thank Mr. Fariborz Parsi for donating the installation of a sink at the front entrance of the Darbe Mehr. Having a working sink at the entrance will allow members and visitors the luxury of “washing up” prior to entering the prayer hall.

We are truly blessed to have such generous members within our community.

Special thank you to Kersi Khambatta for arranging the visits and installation while maintaining COVID safety protocols.
FEZANA U of T Professorship – Making our Mark!

We have reached 91% of our goal!

We have almost reached our goal of creating the FEZANA Professorship in Zoroastrian Languages and Literature at the University of Toronto — and we are urgently calling on your support.

We have made tremendous progress, raising more than $1,000,000 (USD) toward our ambitious goal of $1.1 million (USD), thanks to the generosity and shared vision of the community. That includes people just like you, who believe in the value of preserving the Zoroastrian languages and culture for generations to come. We have received support from 210 families and 11 member associations — donors at all levels and from many regions. This support motivates us as we approach the finish line.

Our efforts will be matched dollar for dollar by the University of Toronto to a maximum of $1.5 million (CDN).

However, time is running out. We must reach our goal by April 30, 2021 or risk losing out on matching funds and this powerful opportunity to create this professorship. We know you believe in the impact we can have on the future of Zoroastrian languages and culture. We cannot afford to lose the groundwork we have already laid.

Together, we can create what is believed to be the world’s first professorship of its kind focused on preserving the languages and culture of one of the world's oldest continuously practiced religions. We can deliver knowledge to future students and advance our understanding of Zoroastrianism through research and public engagement.

To all our donors and those who have pledged support, we thank you. And if circumstances allow, we urge you consider raising your donation amounts. To those of you still considering supporting this important cause, we urge you to join us with a generous gift.

The FEZANA Professorship in Zoroastrian Languages and Literature at the University of Toronto will preserve the Zoroastrian languages and culture for generations to come, but only with your support. Together, we can all be proud of this truly ground-up, community-driven project.

Please join us in creating the FEZANA Professorship in Zoroastrian Languages and Literature at the University of Toronto.

Help us create the Professorship

If you have any questions, please reply to this email or feel free to call me at +1 (212) 380 7629 (NYC timezone), and I will be happy to address your queries.

Sincerely

Arzan Sam Wadia
President, FEZANA

Condolences

ROSHAN BURJOR BHESANIA, on Monday Feb. 22, 2021 in Prince Rupert, BC Canada. Predeceased by her loving husband Burjor and her daughter Thriti. Survived by her daughter Shernaz and her 2 grandchildren Rayomand & Parizad, as well as many nieces & nephews. We pray that Roshan’s soul resides in the House of Peace and Light in the Abode of Ahura Mazda.
Virtual Baden Powell Day Celebrations, Sunday 21 February 2021

The 100 Toronto Scout Group each year celebrates Lord Baden Powell’s birthday. Lord Baden Powell was the founder of the Scout Movement which is known around the world. Lord Baden Powell himself was nominated for the Nobel Prize. This year our Scout Group had a virtual celebration on Sunday, February 21, 2021.

Yohan Ghadiali impressed us with his pre-recorded song and dance routine of “Want to Break Free”. This song made by a famous late Bawaji Freddy Mercury of the Queen Group. Who does “Not Want to Break Free” from the COVID”.

Standing in front of a Christmas tree Rhea Irani’s voice matched her pre-recorded song, which enticed some of our viewers to quietly hum along.

Maya Zandian elegantly swerved, gyrated and twisted rhythmically in an Irani attire to the beat of Persian music. Sugar her pet dog seem to be part of the performance. We should learn Persian dancing which is our heritage.

Nurelle and Aiden Vania burst on to the screen with their medley of dances in different attires. It was well choreographed and recorded.

Kashmira and Sophie Irani entertained with a quick and energised real-time acrobatic dance

Arshan Gazdar pulled his kerchief headband over his eyes and played a short musical piece on his guitar in real-time. Not bad for a blindfolded guitarist.

Ava Ogra plucked at the guitar strings and gave a live performance of a beginner’s piece of music. She sounded good and should do well as a guitarist at the campfires.

Benji Irani gave us a noteworthy real time performance on the piano. He is turning out to be a good musician.

Katy Irani and Fram Appo demonstrated their learner skills on the piano, good for a start.

Our young drummer boy Xerses Irani eagerly stirred up beats on his drum set. On a lighter note, his parents must be aware that the ‘sweetest revenge to take on one’s enemy is to give their child a set of drums’.

The Scout group put on a hilarious video starting with a parody oath for the Scouts on COVID. The show was compiled by our talented Kashmira Bulsara and edited by Jason Buhariwala. In the humorous skit on the lockdown, overweight Golfer Adil Bulsara wants to sell his golf clubs. He cannot see the golf ball when teeing off or putting because of his overgrown beer belly. To culminate his tireless lockdown day on the couch, Golfer Adil tele-orders a pizza. To his dismay Maneckji Appo Pizzawalla has hacked into Golfer Adil’s personal records on past orders, health, bank account, credit cards, insurance and invalid passport.

As a finale Apro Freddy Mirza delighted us with a medley of oldies on his harmonica.

Thanks to the Section Leaders for their dedication in organizing the Virtual Scout Meetings.

We encourage all parents within the community – both ZSO and Kanoun - to enrol their children in the 100 Toronto Scout Group. The ZSO and Kanoun are very receptive to this amalgamation of our English Speaking Zarathusti youth. “One Language, One Zarathusti Scout Group”.

Submitted by Rohin Kiash
Nowruz Celebration 2021 at the University of Toronto

Our own Ervad Jehan Bagli offered the opening remarks at the celebration on March 26th. Dean Melanie Woodin and Professor Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi organised a program of music and poetry to celebrate Nowruz and welcome spring. This inaugural Nowruz celebration by the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute of Iranian Studies featured a performance by Sholeh Wolpé, a renowned Iranian-born poet, playwright and literary translator, and Sahba Motallebi, an Iranian-born musician who has captivated audiences around the world with her skill on the tar, setar and shoorangiz. These two talented artists collaborated to create and present a singular sensory and spiritual adventure.

Navroze Themed Art Night

While Zoroastrians all over the world were getting their Navroze tables set, the ZSO Youth Committee organized an educational and artistic “Art Night”. On March 18th, Elina Pourbemani hosted a first-ever Navroze themed Art Night, only this time she ditched the paint and paper and instead used basic household items like garlic, candles, glitter and quarters as the medium. Everyone was able to create a unique candle and spice up their Navroze Haft Seen table.

All who participated enjoyed applying the concepts taught by Elina to make their candles unique. There is an inner artist among all our ZSO members, we encourage all members to participate and create an enthusiastic environment when attending our art nights hosted by our very own Toronto youth. We are all creative in our own ways, and “Art Nights” are the best way to express new ideas and have fun while doing it!

*Report Submitted by Fravash Chothia*
Newsletter Requests

Please note that the deadline for receiving submissions for the ZSO newsletter is the 20th of each preceding month. Any materials received after this date will be published on a best-effort basis.

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Please note that all requests for inclusions in the ZSO NL should be emailed to newslettereditor@zso.org

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میش فوروردیگان

جشن فروردینگان

یکی از جشن‌های ماهانه به مناسبت برابر شدن هفته و روز داده می‌شود. این جشن به مناسبت برابر شدن نام ماه و روز در گاهشماری زرتشتی گرامی داشته می‌شود. فروردینگان یک جشن است که با فروهرها، که به طور سنتی در میان ملی در وجود انسان هستند و ارتباط است و پس از درگذشت هم، به طور قابل مشاهده در زندگی انسان هستند. این جشن به مناسبت درگذشت هم‌معنی شده و برای یادبود و یادگیری در کنار حضرت‌های مطروح می‌باشد.

امسال با توجه به شرایط کرونایی موجود، این جشن به صورت مجازی برگزار خواهد شد. اطلاعات بیشتر در کانال یوتیوب انجمن برگزار خواهد شد.

گهنبار مهره میدیوزوم به

اوستافووهای گهنبار در ماه می‌باشد که در این ماه به مناسبت گهنبار می‌توانید به صورت آنلاین یا با پک به اننمن بفرستید.

مشق طبیعت در روز سیزده سال نو

به طور سنتی روز سیزده آوریل به «سیزده به در» معروف است و ایرانیان معمولاً در این روز به دامن طبیعت می‌روند و این روز را با اعتقادات فلسفی و زیستی کرایه می‌دارند. این روز به دلیل همه کوره از کووید۱۹ گردیده است. برای برگزاری روز سیزده به دلیل محدودیت‌ها و باعث وقوع افتادگی کارآمدی در فعالیت‌های اجتماعی و زیستی کرایه، این روز را به عنوان یک روز به صورت مجازی برگزار خواهد شد. اطلاعات بیشتر در کانال یوتیوب انجمن برگزار خواهد شد.

ورزش و سلامت

با توجه به اینکه وزارت بهداشت کانادا و وزارت بهداشت و بهداشت کانادا و به منظور مکابی از کووید و ویروس کرونا هیچ‌گونه برنامه و برنامه‌ریزی به دلیل کرونا و ویروس کرونا مانند ورزش و سلامتی، بازی ورزشی برگزار نمی‌شود. اما نشانه‌های جدید را در این روز دیده‌ایم که با مراجعه به صفحه‌های جدیدی از سایت ورزشی کانادا، می‌توانید به آن‌ها، با توجه به اهمیت فردی، بپردازید.

اهنودگان – یس۸۷ – پادشاه

ای راستی و دو منش نیک، من برای شما، ای صفات می‌خوانم، دو منش نیک، من برای شما، ای صفات می‌خوانم، دو منش نیک، من برای شما، ای صفات می‌خوانم، دو منش نیک، من برای شما، ای صفات می‌خوانم.
گردهم این ماهیانه بانوان:

با توجه به درخواست وزارت بهداشت کانادا و به منظور جلوگیری از کشتپن و ویروس کرونا همگانی برگزار نبوده شد. اما به صورت مناسب است که بانوان با ایجاد کروه های مجازی (زوم، واتس آپ و …) کردهم این های فواد را ادامه بدهند و کارآفرین یا زمان یا روش آن را برای آگاهی رسانی در فیزیوتان به کانون هم اعلام نمایند.

هم اعلام نمایید.

فرآیند پشتیبانی مالی به امکان

به دلیل وضعیت موجود در پیوند با ویروس کووید-19، مال درهم و انجمن بر روی عمل بسته می‌باشد. این وضعیت تا آگاهی رسیدن دولت استان اوتاریو ادامه خواهد داشت. با توجه به عدم ضروریت در مال درهم، کمک‌های فیزیونکسی نیز کاهش یافته است. در حال حاضر، هیأت اجرایی انجمن و افراد‌پزشک و پزشکان همچنان به‌طور مداوم فرآیند پشتیبانی مالی انجمن را برقرار نموده است. کمک‌های امیدواری ماهانه ممکن است از فیزیونکسی، و مکم‌های اعضا مناسب است. کمک‌های مالی فیزیوتان را بر روی فیزیوتان و کمک شما اعضا و منابع همراه باشد. کمک‌های مالی فیزیوتان را بر روی فیزیوتان و کمک شما اعضا و منابع همراه باشد.

کانال تلگرامی کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی

با پوستن به کروه تمایل کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی از افزا، و برنامه‌های ماهونه آگاه شوید. نشانی این کانال تلگرامی را به

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آگاهی دیگران هم برسانید. نشانی کانال تلگرامی: kanoun@zso.org

با کانون به نشانی

مناسبت ها و رخدادهای ماه گذشته

با سپاس از همه افرادی که در برگزاری این مناسبت‌ها هماهنگ و کردند.

جشن نوروز روز شنبه ۲۰ مارچ ۲۰۲۱ از کانال یوتویپ انجمن بخش شد

امسال، با توجه به شرایط کانونی و محدودیت‌های بهداشتی کووید-۱۹، امکان برگزاری این مبنا به صورت مجدد وجود نداشت. اما اقدام متفاوت با تهیه فیلم کوک‌خوارگان تالش کردن که همگانی امیدها و آرزوهای فواد را برای سال نو با یکدیگر تقسیم کند. با سیاست از همه افرادی که در این برنامه شرکت کرده، این برنامه را از تونالید هنوز هم از کانال یوتویپ انجمن بیانید، با امید این که سال دیگر نوروز را مانند همیشه بپذیریم کنیم.

اوستاکونی مربوط به مشن نوروز هم در روز یکشنبه ۲۱ مارچ برگزار شد.

اعضای هیات مدیریان انجمن هم در فیلم کوک‌خوارگان تالش که بر روی کانال یوتویپ انجمن از تونالید بیانید نوروز را به همه شادباش گفتند.

https://www.youtube.com/c/ZoroastrianSocietyofOntario
اوستاخوانی پنجم پنجه و گهنبار چهره همس پنجه کاه
برنامه‌های اوستاخوانی پنجم پنجه و گهنبار آخر سال به‌یاد دوستان کانادا در مراسم مهرابان گیو برگزار شد.
اما این برنامه‌ها به دلیل همه گیری کووید-19 به‌مناسبت دوستان کانادا، با سیاست‌های محدودیت و افرادی که در گذراندن گیو برگزاری و گهنبار سال از افرادی که فیکاندیشی های فردی به‌یاد دوستان کانادا به انجمن فرزنداند.

تشکر فور دورین را استورانش‌شته فرحنته باد
کانون فرهنگی زرتشتیان ایرانی مشترک در انتاریو، انجمن اوستاخوانی پنجم پنجه و گهنبار پنجم پنجه کاه دوستان کانادا را بهره‌مند ساخته.
با توجه به شرایط کرونایی و محدودیت‌های سیاست‌خانه و محدودیت‌های سیاست‌های انتاریو در مدت ۴۰۰ سیستم آرایه، روز فردی از ما فردی در زندان انتاریو برای بازده ۴۰ ماه پنجه کاه، این برنامه با اوستاخوانی پنجم پنجه کاه دوستان کانادا به‌یاد دوستان کانادا بهره‌مند ساخته.
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لطفاً راه‌پیمایی کنید.
به‌زمان، معمولاً برای پرداخت می‌توانید به مرحله دوستان کانادا و می‌توانید به اینجا‌ها را از مدارس آن‌لاین، پیش‌ترین کدیک و هم‌اکنون که هم‌پاره‌های فواد را به انجمن و می‌توانید به اینجا‌ها را از تارنمای انجمن پرداخت.

آگاهی رسانی انجمن به منابع نوروز و سال‌های بودن درمهم
در روزهای کانونی بسیاری از هموطنان درفونست بودند، برای برگزاری می‌تواند درمهم را کرد. اما با توجه به شرایط و اهمیت تندرانسی هموطنان می‌توانسته که امید به بهترین آماده‌سازی و افعی‌نگری هموطنان را به انجمن پرداخت.
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با بهترین آرزوها برای نوروز و سال‌های بودن درمهم روان‌سازی و می‌توانید به انجمن پرداخت.

نوروز پیروز!
Haft-Sin

Complete the crossword puzzle below by placing the English translations of the Farsi words of items on Haft-Sin.

Across
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Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net
Interfaith Activity report –March 2020 to March 2021

The Zoroastrian community in the Toronto, York, Peel and Halton Regions are represented on the following Interfaith Councils:

The Canadian Multifaith Federation (CMF); Toronto Area Interfaith Committee (TAIC), MOSAIC, Peel District School Board (PDSB) Faith Leaders Forum and the Interfaith Council of Peel (ICP).

Due to the pandemic, all meetings have been virtual since March 2020.

Nov 10th – ICP’s Annual Meeting of the Interfaith leaders, representatives and service providers. Guest speaker was scheduled to be the Peel Region’s Police Chief, Nish Duraiappa, but, due to a last minute call for duty, the Deputy Chief Mark Andrews attended and was accompanied by Suleha Khan from their Diversity and Inclusion Department. Peel Police now has a special unit to deal with incidents involving people with a mental health problem.

Nov 25th -PDSB meeting. These meetings are held every 3 months to inform the faith leaders of the changes in the PDSB’s curriculum and the activities of the Board, in order to obtain their suggestions. Discussions included: Indigenous equity; Empowering Modern Learners with Modern tools-Equity Support to African and Indigenous students.

Dec 3rd -An hour long conversation with the Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Canada regarding the “Contribution of Faith Communities in a Pandemic” attended by nearly 434 people. The conversation was organized by 3 organizations, namely, the Cdn. Council of Churches, the Cdn. Interfaith Convention and the Cdn. Multifaith Federation. The PM thanked all the faith leaders for their important work in fulfilling the spiritual needs of their respective communities as well as providing help through their volunteers. There were speakers from the Jewish, Christian, Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Baha’i and Indigenous faiths. Others expressed their concerns in the “chat box” which will be compiled and sent to the Office of the PM. PM was requested to consider the faith leaders as “essential front line worker” because they fulfil a very important role of providing a mental peace through spiritual ceremonies and prayers.

Dec 8th-ICP meeting with 3 Mayors from the Peel Region: Mayor Bonnie Crombie of Mississauga, Mayor Patrick Brown from Brampton and Mayor Allen Thomson of Caledonia. Dr. Lawrence Loh, Peel Region Health Advisor was present. There were 100 participants. All the Mayors addressed the challenges faced by the places of worship due to the present lock down and restrictions on the number of worshippers. They also addressed the issue of the vulnerable seniors in the Long Term care homes. They were also concerns raised relating to the small businesses and retailers followed by an interesting Q&A.

Sun Jan 17th: World Religion Day event co-hosted by the Interfaith Council of Halton and One Burlington at the Oakville synagogue. Mobedyar Mahshad Khosraviani represented the Zoroastrian community and shared Zoroastrian perspective along with the other Faith leaders from the Jewish, Islamic, Hindu, Christian, Ba’hai, faiths and other representatives.

Tue Jan 19th: Interfaith Council of Peel Steering Committee meeting to plan the future events in the Peel region. Ervad Kobad Zarolia and Freddy Mirza are members on this committee.

Monday Feb 1st: World Harmony Annual Breakfast (Webinar) Annual Event organized ICP-SC and attended by 35 participants. There were Faith representatives from Indigenous First Nation, Zoroastrian,
Jewish, Christian, Islam, Ba’hai, Buddhist, Hindu and Jain religions who said a short prayer on the theme of “Extending our embrace”.

Tue Feb 9th: A brief meeting of the ICP-SC to finalize the program for Mississauga’s mayor Crombie’s Harmony meeting on Friday Feb 12th.

Fri Feb 12th: Mayor Crombie’s office and the City of Mississauga Council hosted a Harmony Breakfast Meeting organized by the ICP-SC. There were approx. 140 participants. Faith Leaders Presentations from the Muslim, Hindu, Ba’hai, Buddhist, Zoroastrian (represented by Freddy Mirza)**, Catholic, Christian and the First Nation Elder, Knowledge Keeper, Cat Kreeger He is also with the University of Toronto to educate on the beliefs, customs rituals and practices of the First Nations Indigenous people. (** Unfortunately, due to computer problem he was unable to carry out his presentation).

There were also presentations from the following Community Partners: Peel Region Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah, (a video greeting): He is very supportive of a dialogue with the interfaith community. Changes are being initiated in the Peel Region to include diversity as well as initiative for handling cases dealing with mental health; Peel Regional Council Chair: Nando Ianicca; Peel Public Health: Dr. Lawrence. He was sorry that the COVID-19 vaccination roll out is slower than expected. Requested everyone to be patient. Other service providers were Peel Paramedics, Chief Peter Dundas; Peel Trillium Hospital Health Partners, COE & President Michelle E. DiEmmanuele and the Mississauga Food Bank, Director Meghan Nicolls. Due to the pandemic, the demand has increased from three million to four million and hence a greater need for the community and faith groups to help out.

Tue Mar 9th: ICP-SC monthly meeting attended by approx. 40 participants. Freddy Mirza represented the Zoroastrian community and did the opening with a brief explanation of the Navroz and the Haftsheen and Haft Seen table items and their symbolism. The Guest of Honour was Mississauga’s Deputy Chief of Peel Region Police Anthony Odoardi. He had a presentation on the efforts to introduce the Body Worn Cameras (BWC) in order to implement transparency as well trust during a police investigation. He requested support from the Faith communities for their co-operation to implement the program. The project includes Digital Evidence Management System and the BWCs are made by Axon (makers of “Tasers” currently being used by the police). Since Nov 2020, 9 airports international airports across Canada have been involved in the pilot project which expected to be initiated by April 2021. There was an interesting Q&A after the presentation. With respect to the places of worship, the police will not be using the BWCs unless requested or in case of an emergency. There were other presentations by the Food Drive through at the Unitarian Church in Mississauga; Community Garden Project by the Halton region; with regards to the requests from the local Food Banks, it is recommended to make cash donations in lieu of preparing and donating food because the Food banks can buy the same items at a subsidized lower rates from their suppliers.

Wed. March 10th: Faith Leaders meeting with the Peel District School Board (PDSB). There were faith reps from Zoroastrian, Ba’hai, Jew, Christian and Islamic religions. The agenda included a report from the Director’s Office Update Colleen Russell-Rawlins, Interim Director of Education, PDSB; and update on COVID-19 from Claudine Scuccato, Acting Superintendent – Coordination of PDSB’s Pandemic School Response (Acting); PDSB’s Anti-Racism Policy by Rohan Thompson, Assistant Director Equity & Community Relationships; De-streaming Plan Progress Update Poleen Grewal, Associate Director - Instructional & Equity Support Services and Vocational 2 Program Update by Poleen Grewal, Associate
Director - Instructional & Equity Support Services. Details of their presentations are posted on the PDSB’s website.

Activities of the various interfaith councils are posted on the social media websites (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

(Report submitted by the Interfaith Committee)
NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies

Announcement

NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies announces the formation of a Monthly Discussion Group.

“Zoroastrianism – Outside the Box”

Objective: Collective learning from a free flow of ideas and opinions on religious and cultural topics while respecting views and opinions of others.

Join us on last Sunday of each month at 2 pm Eastern, 11 am Pacific time

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Join Recurring Zoom Meeting
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For more information, please contact Ervad Kobad Zarolia at Kobadzarolia@gmail.com

These events are facilitated by the NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies to promote knowledge through free but respectful discussions and debate. The views and opinions expressed during these discussions are those of the presenters and participants and do not reflect the official policy or position of the NAMC.

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March 2021
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Membership Application: [ ] Renewal [ ] New Member
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Existing ZSO Member

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